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## FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

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### AUSTRALIA.

*Plague at Brisbane, Cairns, and Sydney—Examination of rodents for plague infection.*

The following information is taken from plague bulletins issued by the departments of health of Queensland and New South Wales and forwarded by Consul-General Bray at Melbourne:

### QUEENSLAND.

*Brisbane.*—Week ended February 8. Two plague cases occurring on the same premises. No plague-infected rats found in the vicinity. Rodents destroyed, 468; examined, 392; found infected, 0. Week ended February 15. Rodents destroyed, 410; examined, 342; found infected, 4. Week ended February 22. Rodents destroyed, 598; examined, 464; found infected, 4. Week ended February 29. Rodents destroyed, 485; examined, 375; found infected, 13.

### NEW SOUTH WALES

*Sydney.*—Week ended February 8. Rodents destroyed, 2,151; examined, 745; found infected, 1. Week ended February 17. Rodents destroyed, 2,244; examined, 738; found infected, 4. Week ended February 22. Rodents destroyed, 2,034; examined, 275; found infected, 3. Three cases of plague discharged from hospital during the week. Week ended March 2. One case of plague. Rodents destroyed, 2,403; examined, 781; found infected, 2. Date of last infected rodent found February 25, on fresh premises.

### BARBADOS.

*Report from Bridgetown—Island declared free of quarantinable disease—Clean bills of health issued.*

Consul Clare reports, April 3:

March 30 the health authorities of this place declared the Island to be free of any quarantinable diseases. Clean bills of health were issued on that date.

The last case of yellow fever occurred on March 11, making a total of 8 cases since January 29, 5 of which resulted fatally.